

place. Their pastor, C. J. Wolters, is one of our big hearted congenial brethren and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all his congregation. He is a young man in the ministry but zealous. A future of usefulness is before him and our prayer is that God may bless them, keep them in the unity of the spirit, make them a power for good, and at last crown them all heirs of life eternal through Christ.

A. J. HIXON.

#### Moxham And Rosedale

We began our work in these charges two years ago this month and we have spent many happy hours in our labors together. God the free, bountiful, and infinite giver, certainly blessed us in all our cooperations as pastor and people.

Our deaths have been few. The "rider on the pale horse" has not stopped at many of our homes during these two deaths in our number.

In these two years the harvest hour has brought forth many precious sheaves, there being 144 accessions to our number as follows; 110 baptized, 21 reclaimed, 11 by letter and 2 by relation. Through God's help and love we have broken down some of the battlements of sin and our hearts made to rejoice for the many precious souls brought into our Master's fold. The good that has been done eternity only can reveal the full amount.

As far as I am concerned I have been happy in laboring in this part of God's vineyard. The people have been devoted, kind and considerate of my welfare. They have been kind to me in donations, sympathetic in my sickness, and when I needed rest and recreation they always gave me the opportunity of spending a few weeks in a vacation. They have been lenient with my faults and labored with me shoulder to shoulder in the Master's cause. May God's choicest of blessings ever rest upon them and at last crown them with a rich reward.

Now we must separate as God has called me into a new field of labor. We must say "good bye" for the present. These two years, with their sunshine and happiness, their trials and tears all are over.

We now step out on the threshold of another year, we know not what is before us, but God is leading the way.

Brother J. F. Koontz has taken up the work at Moxham, but we have no one at present to take charge of Rosedale. There are two other charges that might be taken up in connection with Rosedale thereby be able to support a pastor. Any minister wishing this position should write immediately to John Benshoff, Rosedale Box, Johnstown, Pa.

I am now preparing to begin my work in Pittsburg. Pray for me.

R. E. DARLING.

A spirit of thankfulness to our heavenly Father for His innumerable blessings, is favorable to joyfulness and elasticity of spirit.

#### Buckeye City Items

We are now located in the little city, and have entered upon our work, and I feel constrained to say a few words at least, regarding the people with whom we severed our relationship as pastor. For five years I tried to minister to the wants of the Middlebranch and North Georgetown churches, and for four years to the Louisville people, and the last year at Louisville was the most pleasant of the whole pastorate. I received at these three places, 138 members into the church, and closed my work pleasantly.

At Norih Georgetown at our last service,

### Our Dead

WOODS.—Sister Mary Ann Woods was born Feb. 11, 1849, died March 16, 1898, aged 49 years, 1 month, 5 days. She was born and raised in Howard Co., Ind., was married to brother Simon P. Woods in April 1865. Sister Woods was the mother of five children, all of whom are living, except Emma, who died at about four years of age. The eldest child, Allie, was married to R. F. Mallott, who is now a dry goods merchant in Anderson, Ind., where Brother and Sister Woods lived.

The second daughter, Lily, is the wife of John P. Stone, of Burlington, Ind. The two youngest children, Ottio L. and Glenn are both unmarried and live at Anderson.

She lived all her life in Howard Co., until 1895, when Brother Woods became a partner of R. F. Mallot, and they moved to Anderson. They had built a nice house for their old age and lived in it but a few months. Her funeral was held at the G. B. church, and being unable to get word to Brother Summers, the funeral was conducted by Rev. Houch, of the G. B. church, from Psalms 30:5.

"Weeping may endure for a night,  
But joy cometh in the morning."

She joined the Dunkard church many years ago, but when the division in the church came, she and her husband cast their lots with the Brethren. She was a charter member of the Salem church, where she will be sadly missed. Sister Woods was loved and respected by all who knew her. To Brother Woods and the dear children, we can only say, ever remember and cherish her good name. Her life should be an example to us all. May we so live that we may one day strike glad hands with her in that land where there is no sickness, sorrow or death. Peace to her ashes. Rest to her soul, and a golden crown for her in heaven.

M. W. EIKENBERRY.

Burlington, Ind.

### Matrimonial

STAYS—BOKER.—At the home of the undersigned March 3, Mr. John, Stays, and sister Clara L. Boker, were united in marriage. May this union be a happy one.

JOHN M. FOX.

the S. S. C. E. presented their pastor with a most beautiful quilt, on which were written with indelible ink, nearly three hundred names. This makes it very precious to us, and shall be a souvenir of their friendship, while life shall last. The quilt was presented at the close of the service in a very appropriate address by brother M. F. Heestand. The scene was very impressive and many tears were shed. This last service will long be remembered.

At Middlebranch and Louisville, our last services were very largely attended. At Louisville, Dr. Lebbennan of the Reformed church, dismissed his people, and he with his people attended our services.

We also wish to express our heartfelt thanks for a very valuable as well as beautiful quilt, received the last week of our stay, from the S. S. C. E., of Louisville. It was a splendid piece of workmanship, that would do credit to any sister's society.

This society had a social the last day of our stay among them, and the proceeds netted them \$25. An occasion worthy of imitation by other societies.

To these congregations we are much indebted for their kindness, in the last five years, and we shall say again as we have said before, that nothing in the least was done by any one, in the three congregations, that was not deeply felt and highly appreciated, and now, in conclusion, we pray God's blessing upon them.

Our first services, at this place were very largely attended; every available space being occupied, and we hope, by the help of God, to do much for the Master. May God bless and prosper his work everywhere.

J. L. KIMMEL.

#### Buckeye City, Ohio

After a year and nine months, my labors as pastor of the Brethren church of Buckeye City have come to a close. It is sad to leave these dear brethren who have held me up in my youth and weakness; but I rejoice that I can leave them with such bright prospects before them. We have succeeded in uniting the three churches of Buckeye City, Ankneytown and North Liberty into one pastorate, and securing Bro. J. L. Kimmel to take charge of the work. To effect this, it was necessary for me to resign the last three months of my engagement; but I am glad that I can turn the work over to such an able servant of the Lord.

I will not report my work in detail. Let it be sufficient to say that it was not as prosperous as it should have been. Financially, the brethren have done nobly, considering their circumstances. Spiritually, they have kept about normal, or, judging from the attendance at communions, a little below. However, they are coming up a little at present. I think they will continue to grow, and someday be a strong church. The outlook is good.

With the exception of the grief and mortification that my own failures brought upon